

City of Augusta, GA



COMMUNITY OUTREACH
AND PARTNERING

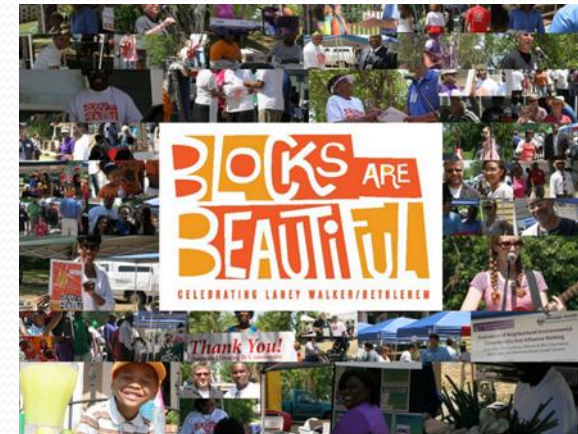
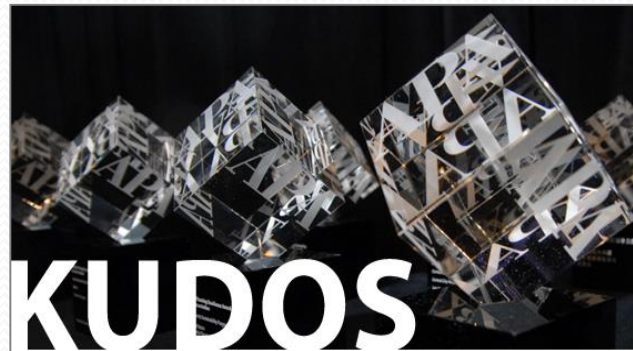


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PUBLIC HEARING

October 29, 2013 6:00 p.m.

Augusta-Richmond-823 Telfair Street

Agenda

I. Welcome

Vicki C. Johnson

II. Purpose/Consolidated/Action Plan

McKinley Gaines

III. Needs Assessment

Sabrina Paige

IV. CDBG Program & Accomplishments

Belinda J. Brown

V. ESG Program & Accomplishments –

Edkesha Anderson

VI. Continuum of Care

Daniel J. Evans

Agenda

VII. HOME

Shawn Edwards

VIII. HOPWA

Maria Young

IX. Fair Housing

Shawn Edwards

X. Handling of Proposals

Vicki C. Johnson

XI. Questions

Shawn Edwards, Vicki C. Johnson/Audience

2014 Consolidated Action Plan



Purpose of Public Hearing

Why are we here?

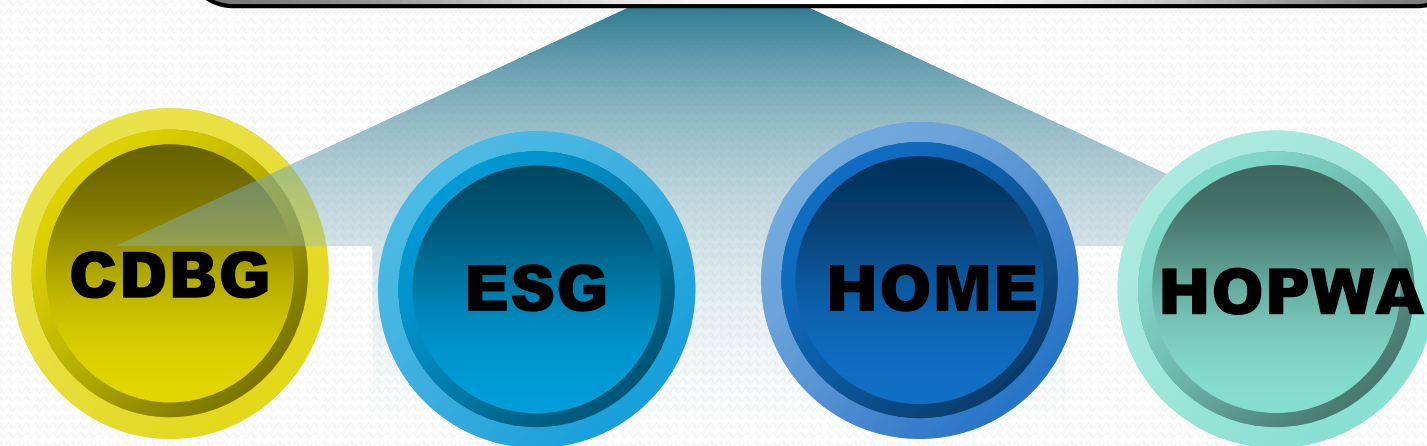
- We are in the process of developing an Annual Action Plan for Use of the Federal Funds in Year 2014
- City Receives Federal Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

WHAT FEDERAL FUNDS DOES THE CITY RECEIVE?



U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

Four (4) Federally-Funded Programs

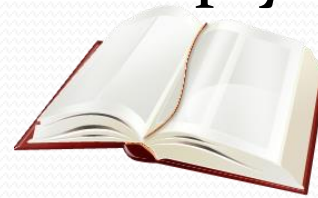


Community Development Block Grant
Emergency Solutions Grant
HOME Investment Partnerships
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS

Consolidated Plan (CP)

WHAT MUST THE CITY DO TO RECEIVE THE FUNDS?

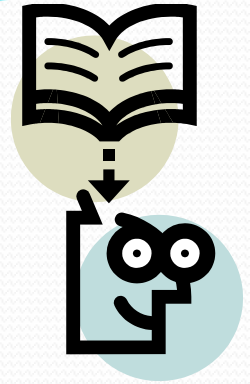
- Develop a Consolidated Plan & Comply with Federal Regulations



WHAT IS A CONSOLIDATED PLAN?

- Is a Comprehensive 5-year strategic plan to address the needs of the City's low & moderate income population;
- It identifies the community needs, resources & priorities.

ACTION PLAN (AP)



What is An Action Plan?

- A Document that Implements the 5-Year CP
- Spells out in detail what activities the City will carry out and how much money it will spend to reach the goals identified in the 5-year CP
- Is the application that cities use to apply for the 4 federally-funded programs
- A New Action Plan is developed for each of the Five Years: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014
- This year, we are developing the 2014 Annual Action Plan

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION



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CONSULTATION

Why Does the City Consult with the Public?



- HUD requires grantees to solicit proposals for funding from citizens and organizations to identify needs that benefits the City's low & moderate income population
- To inform the public about community needs and available resources
- Allow citizens an opportunity to bring forward ideas on how to address community needs.

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY



Sabrina Paige

Community Needs Assessment Survey

TELL US WHAT YOUR 2 MOST IMPORTANT NEEDS ARE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD OR THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

Public Infrastructure

- Drainage Improvements
- Street Improvements
- Sewer Improvements
- Sidewalks

Public Facilities

- Senior Centers
- Youth Centers
- Community Centers
- Childcare Facilities
- Parks & Recreation
- Health Facilities



Needs Assessment Survey (continued)

HOUSING

- Housing Rehabilitation
- Rental Rehabilitation
- New Housing
- Down Payment Assistance
- Emergency Shelter



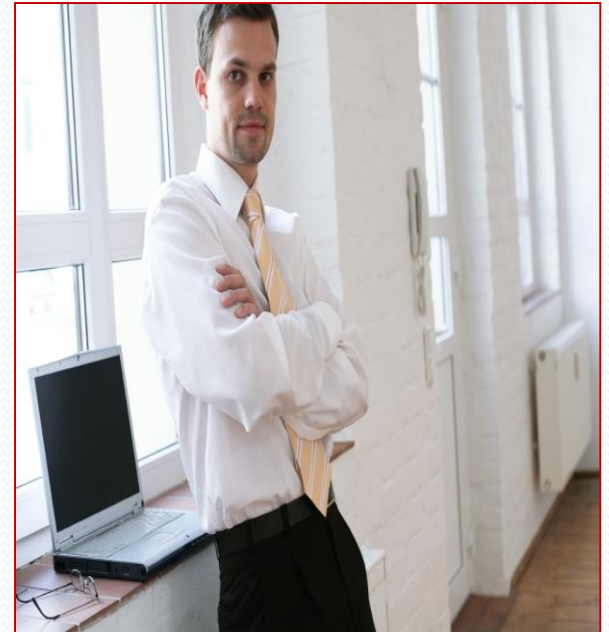
PUBLIC SERVICES

- Senior Services
- Health Services
- Youth Services
- Childcare Services
- Homeless Services

Needs Assessment (continued)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Small Business Improvements Loans
- Job Training & Placement
- Small Business Counseling



RESULTS OF THE MOST RECENT NEEDS SURVEY

High Priority Activities

- **Housing**
 - Affordable Housing
 - Senior Housing
 - Housing for the Disabled
 - Rental Housing
- **Economic Development**
 - Work Force Training
 - Business Recruitment
 - Business Retention Activities
- **Community Facilities**
 - Senior
 - Healthcare Facility
 - Youth Facility



RESULTS OF THE MOST RECENT NEEDS SURVEY

- **Infrastructure**

- Sidewalks
- Street/Alley Improvements
- Drainage

- **Special Needs**

- Neglected/Abused Children
- Homeless Shelters
- Domestic Violence

- **Public Services**

- Mass Transit, Homeless, Crime Awareness
- Legal Services



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG)



Belinda Brown

The CDBG Program

- Authorized under Title I of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974
- The Governing agency for Administration of Program is the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
- Formula grants are provided to entitlement cities/jurisdictions annually based on several measures of:
 - Population
 - Extent of Poverty
 - Housing Conditions
 - Community Needs

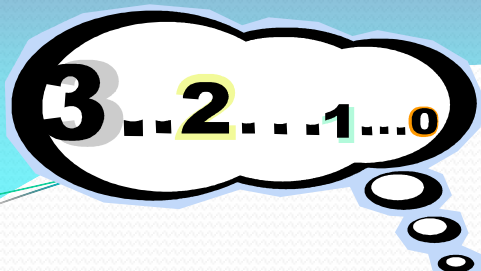


CDBG PROGRAM

PURPOSE

- Develop Viable Urban Communities
- Provide Decent Housing for Low and Moderate Income Persons; and
- Expand Economic Opportunities Principally for Persons of Low & Moderate Income





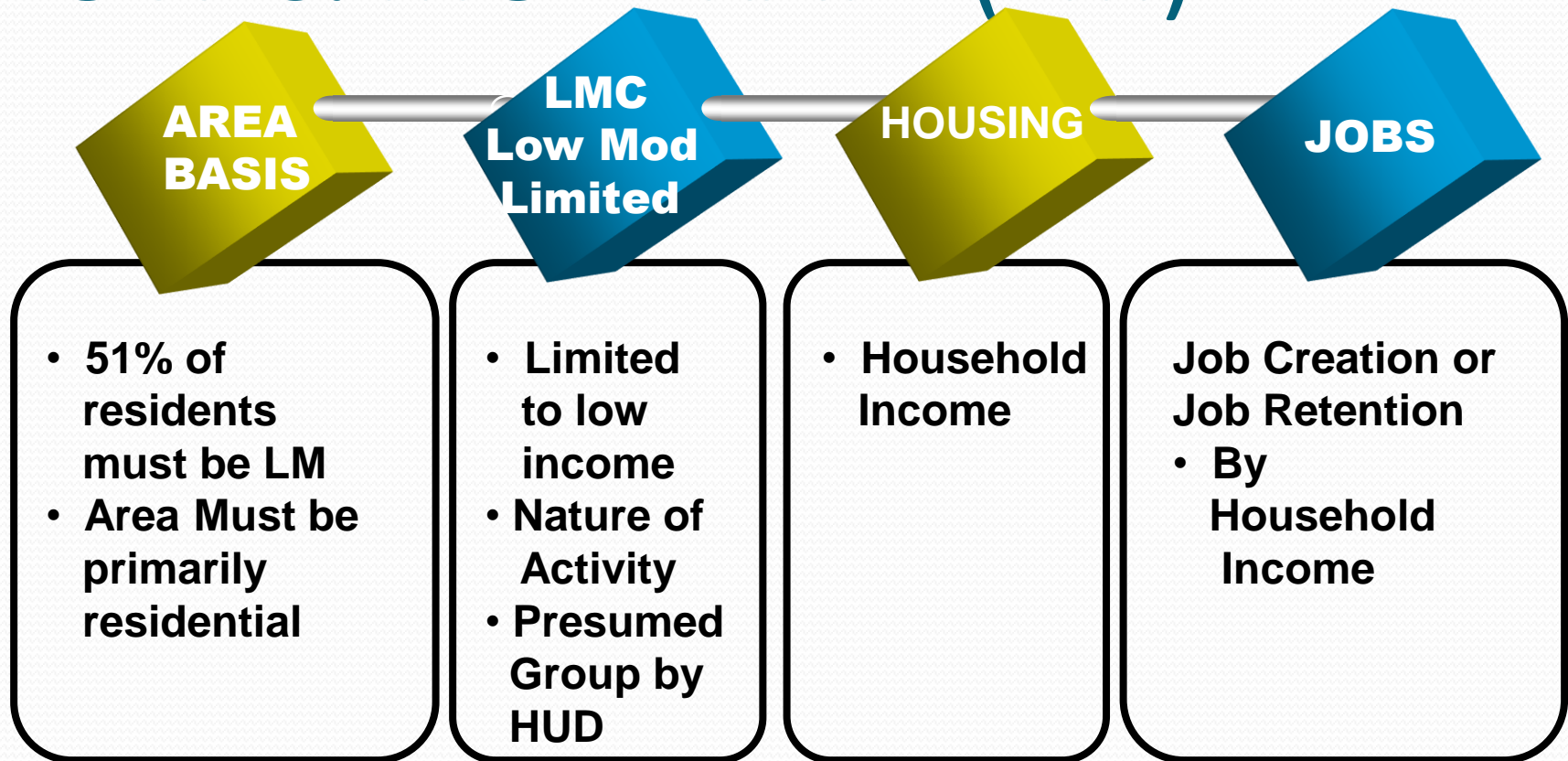
CDBG National Objectives

Funds Must Benefit One of the 3 National Objectives

1. Benefit Low & Moderate Income Persons;
2. Aid in the Prevention or Elimination of Slum & Blight; or
3. Meet Other Urgent Community Development Needs

CDBG FUNDS CAN SERVE LM PERSONS 4 WAYS

LOW & MODERATE (LM)



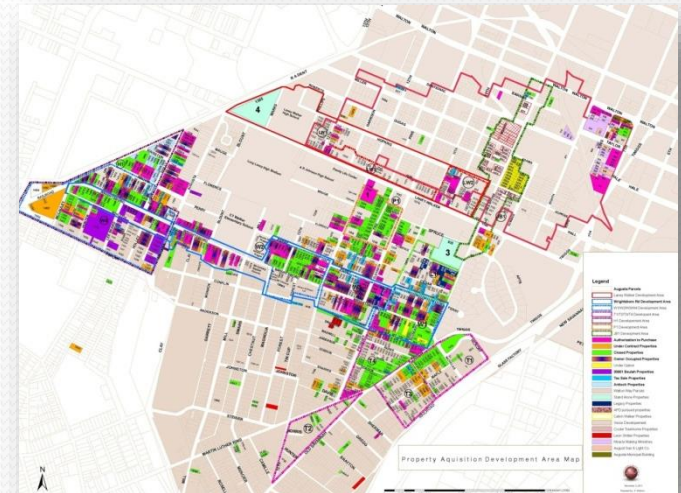
CDBG Continued

- For Year 2014, the City Anticipates Receiving
About \$1,758,771



CDBG ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Affordable Housing
- Economic Development
- Public Services for Youth, Seniors, etc.
- Public Facilities & Improvements
 - Community Centers, Parks, etc.
- Infrastructure Improvements
 - Water/Sewer, Flood/Drainage, etc.



CDBG 2012 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Public Facilities

Completed:

- Dyess Park Improvements Phase I March 2013
- Jessye Norman School of the Arts Phase II March 2013
- Lucy Laney Museum Elevator Improvements Feb 2013

PUBLIC FACILITY PROJECTS



Dyess Park



Laney Museum



Jessye Norman School of the Arts

CDBG PUBLIC SERVICES PROJECTS

- Services Provided to:

Clientele	Estimated # Served	Services Provided
Abused Children	177	Counseling & Parenting Skills
HOMELESS	171	Emergency Shelter, Transitional & Permanent Housing, furniture, bicycles, medical care, medical & transportation
SENIORS	1,292	Food, monthly “Brown Bags” & workshops held to educate seniors on Medicare & its requirements
YOUTH	471	Art Instruction, piano, drama, dance classes, recreational activities, summer camp, entrepreneurial education, tutoring, childcare and fitness
Other Low Income	367	Housing counseling, food, substance abuse counseling
TOTAL	2,478	

PUBLIC SERVICE AGENCIES FUNDED IN 2013

- Action Ministries, Inc.
- Ambassadors Community
- Augusta Mini Theatre
- Catholic Social Services
- CSRA Business League
- Christ Community Health
- Communities In Schools
- Coordinated Health Services
- CSRA EOA
- Golden Harvest
- Homeless Transportation
- Hope House
- Kids Restart
- MACH Academy
- Promise Land CDC
- Salvation Army
- Senior Citizen's Council
- United Way
- The Family Y of Augusta

CDBG HOUSING PROJECTS COMPLETED

- Housing Rehabilitation – 22 completed
- Paint Program – 8 completed
- Emergency Grants - 26 completed



EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT

ESG

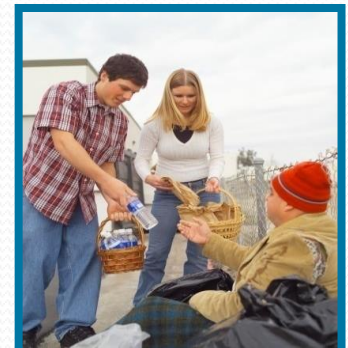


Edkesha Anderson

The HEARTH Act

SUMMARY

- The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act), enacted into law on May 20, 2009, consolidates three of the separate homeless assistance programs administered by HUD under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act into a single grant program, revises the Emergency Shelter Grants Program and renames the program, Emergency Solutions Grants program.



Emergency Solutions Grant Program

The HEARTH Act:

- Broaden existing emergency shelter and homelessness prevention activities and to add rapid re-housing activities.
- Codifies in law and enhances the Continuum of Care planning process
- Anticipate receiving about \$125,715 for Year 2014





General Definition of Homeless



Four possible categories under which individuals and families may qualify as homeless:

- Persons who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence;
- Persons who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence;
- Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age and families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless
- Persons who are fleeing, or are attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening circumstances

ESG – Eligible Activities

- 1) The renovation, major rehabilitation, or conversion of a building
- 2) The provision of essential services related to emergency shelter or street outreach, including support services.
- 3) Maintenance, operation, insurance, provision of utilities and furnishings related to emergency shelter.
- 4) Provision of rental assistance to provide short or medium-term housing to homeless individuals or families at-risk of homelessness
- 5) Housing relocation or stabilization services for homeless individuals or families, including: housing search, mediation or outreach to property owners, legal services, credit repair, provide utility and security deposits.



ESG – Eligible Activities

- RENOVATION
- REHABILITATION
- CONVERSION
- Labor, materials, tools & other costs of improving a building, other than minor or routine repairs.



ESG – Eligible Activities

HOMELESS PREVENTION

- Short-term subsidies to defray rent & utility costs for families that have received eviction or utility termination notices.
- Security deposits or first month's rent to permit a homeless family to move into its own apartment
- Mediation programs for landlord-tenant disputes.
- Legal service programs for the representation of indigent tenants in eviction proceedings.
- Payment to prevent foreclosure on a home & other innovative programs & activities designed to prevent the incidence of homelessness.

ESG PROJECTS



Family Promise of Augusta



Permanent Housing for Homeless



First Stop Homeless Service Center



Coordinated Health Services, Inc.

Good Samaritan Respite Center & St. Vincent dePaul Health Center



AGENCIES FUNDED WITH ESG FUNDS

- CSRA EOA
- Coordinated Health Services
- GA Legal Services
- Hope House
- Family Promise of Augusta
- St. Stephen's Ministry
- The Salvation Army
- United Way of the CSRA

CONTINUUM OF CARE



Daniel J. Evans

COC Homeless Assistance Programs

What Is COC?

- A Continuum of Care is an approach that helps communities plan for & provide a full range of housing & service resources to address the various needs of homeless persons.
- The Purpose of the COC is to reduce the incidence of homelessness in communities by assisting homeless individuals and families in quickly transitioning to self-sufficiency and permanent housing.

COC Components

- Transitional Housing is housing in which homeless persons may receive supportive services that enable them to live more independently.
- Permanent Housing of Homeless Persons with Disabilities is long-term housing that provides supportive services for homeless persons with disabilities.
- Supportive Services Only conducts outreach to persons on the street, services at drop-in centers, or provide services to residents of homeless assistance projects that are operated by other providers.
- Innovative Supportive must demonstrate that it meets three criteria: it represents a distinctively different approach when viewed within its geographic area; it is a sensible model for others; and it can be replicated elsewhere.
- HMIS for the Lead CoC Agency in Augusta, GA
- Homelessness Prevention in some limited cases.

What is HMIS?

- Homeless Management Information System
- Augusta Housing and Community Development serves as lead agency for Augusta-Richmond County (GA-504)
- Funded through Supportive Housing Program (SHP) grant – no cost to local agencies that participate

What is HMIS?

- To measure the extent and scope of homelessness;
- To assess the effectiveness of programs that serve homeless individuals and families;
- To facilitate closer coordination of homeless programs and improve local planning around the issues of homelessness

CoC Eligible Costs

- Continuum of Care Planning Activities
- Unified Funding Agency Costs
- Acquisition, Rehabilitation
- New Construction, Leasing, Rental Assistance
- Supportive Services, Operating Costs, HMIS
- Project Administrative Costs
- Relocation Costs and Indirect Costs

COC Funds Available

THREE (3) PROGRAMS

- Supportive Housing Program
- Shelter Plus Care (S+C); and
- Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy for Homeless Individuals (SRO)



COC AWARDS

- Through the COC Process, Augusta received \$655,873, awarded to:


Augusta, Georgia – Homeless Transportation Services	\$ 35,203
Augusta, Georgia – Intake and Referral Services Coordination	\$ 184,475
CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc. – Home Plus Phase I Supportive Housing	\$ 124,661
CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc. – S+CR	\$ 84,179
Maxwell House S+CR	\$ 101,530
Goodwill Industries of Middle Georgia, Inc.- Working Solutions	\$ 91,556
Hope House, Inc.	\$ 59,963
TOTAL	\$ 655,873


HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

The word "HOME" is rendered in a large, 3D, blocky font. It features a vertical color gradient, transitioning from a light blue at the top to a dark red at the bottom. The letters have a slight shadow, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

Shawn Edwards

HOME HOUSING CONSTRUCTION





THE AUBURN AT BARTON CHAPEL
A NEW DEVELOPMENT OF TOWNHOMES




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A NEW DEVELOPMENT OF TOWNHOMES
For
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COLLABORATIVE, LLC
On Behalf of





Augusta, Georgia
Funded through
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME)
&
NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM 3

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HOME PROGRAM

PURPOSE

- Expand the supply of decent & affordable housing for LM income families
- Provide financial & technical assistance to government & non-government entities.
- Increase homeownership opportunities for LM income households.



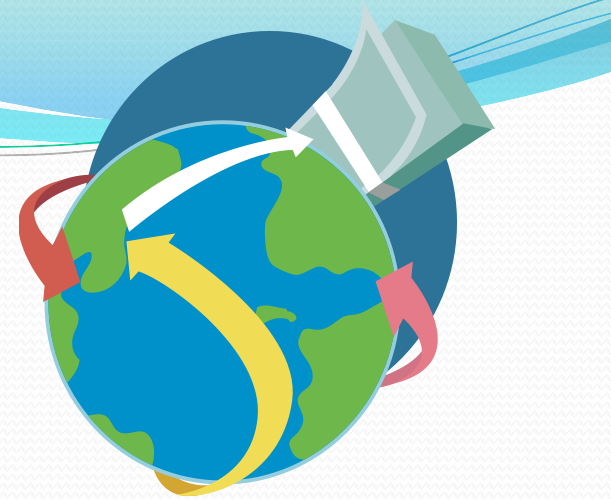
USE OF FUNDS

HOME

- Majority of funds targeted to eligible housing rehabilitation & development
- 15% reserved for Community Housing Development organizations (CHDOs)
- Up to 5% can be used for CHDO operating costs
- Up to 10% can be used by the City for administrative costs



HOME FUNDING



Received approximately \$766,812 for Year 2013



Anticipate receiving the same for Fiscal Year 2014

HOME – Eligible Activities

- Housing Rehabilitation
- New Construction & Reconstruction
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
- Assistance to first-time homebuyers



HOME PROJECTS



Antioch Ministries, Inc.
30901 Development Corporation, Inc.
South Augusta Redevelopment, Inc.



Laney-Walker Development Corporation
Promise Land Community
Development.
East Augusta Community
Development Corporation



HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS PROGRAM

HOPWA

Maria Young



HOPWA PROGRAM

- Created through the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 & authorized by the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act of 1992.



HOPWA PROGRAM

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM

- To address the specific needs of low income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families
- Anticipate receiving approximately \$425,840 for Year 2014
- (For Richmond, Columbia, McDuffie, Burke, Aiken & Edgefield counties)



HOPWA Eligible Activities

- Acquisition & Rehabilitation
- Operational Costs
- Case Management
- Supportive Services
- Resource Identification
- Housing Information
- Administration
- Nutritional Services
- Rental Assistance
- Short-term Rent, Mortgage & Utility (STRMU)



HOPWA RECIPIENTS

- St. Stephens Ministries, Inc.
 - For Richmond, Columbia, McDuffie & Burke County clients
- Hope Health, Inc.
 - For Aiken & Edgefield County clients



FAIR HOUSING



Shawn Edwards

Choosing
where you
live is a
right.





The Department of Housing and Urban Development is committed to eliminating:

1. Racial and ethnic segregation
2. Illegal physical and other barriers to persons with disabilities
3. Any type of discriminatory practices

FUNDAMENTAL GOAL OF THE FAIR HOUSING POLICY:

To make housing choice a reality!!

Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO)

Mission

To create equal housing opportunities for all persons living in America by administering laws that prohibit discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, and familial status.

Objective

Administers and enforces federal laws and establishes policies that make sure that all Americans have equal access to the housing of their choice.

Augusta, Georgia

The following programs all must comply with FHEO regulatory requirements:

- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**
- **HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)**
- **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**
- **Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA)**
- **Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)**

Regulatory requirement to affirmatively further fair housing

Program Requirements

CDBG

Section 104(b)(2) and
106(d)(5) of the Housing
& Community
Development Act of 1974

HOME

Section 105(b)(13) of the
National Affordable
Housing Act (1990)

Augusta, Georgia must certify that we will affirmatively further fair housing.

Affirmative Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Requirements

- Conduct an analysis to identify impediments to fair housing choice
- Take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through the analysis
- Maintain records reflecting the analysis and actions taken .

WHAT IS PROHIBITED?

In the Sale and Rental of Housing: No one may take any of the following actions based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or Handicap:

- Refuse to rent or sell housing
- Refuse to negotiate for housing
- Make housing unavailable
- Deny a dwelling
- Set different terms, conditions or privileges for sale or rental of a dwelling
- Provide different housing services or facilities
- Falsely deny that housing is available for inspection, sale or rental
- For profit, persuade owners to sell or rent (blockbusting) or
- Deny anyone access to or membership in a facility or services (such as a multiple listing service) related to the sale or rental of housing.

WHAT IS PROHIBITED?

In Mortgage Lending: No one may take any of the following actions based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or handicap (disability):

- Refuse to make a mortgage loan
- Refuse to provide information regarding a loans
- Impose different terms or conditions on a loan, such as different interest rates points, or fees
- Discriminate in appraising property
- Refuse to purchase a loan or
- Set different terms or conditions for purchasing a loan



“The American Dream of having a safe and decent place to call “home” reflects our shared belief that in this nation, opportunity and success are within everyone’s reach.

Under our Fair Housing laws, every citizen is assured the opportunity to build a better life in the home or apartment of their choice – regardless of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, family status or disability.

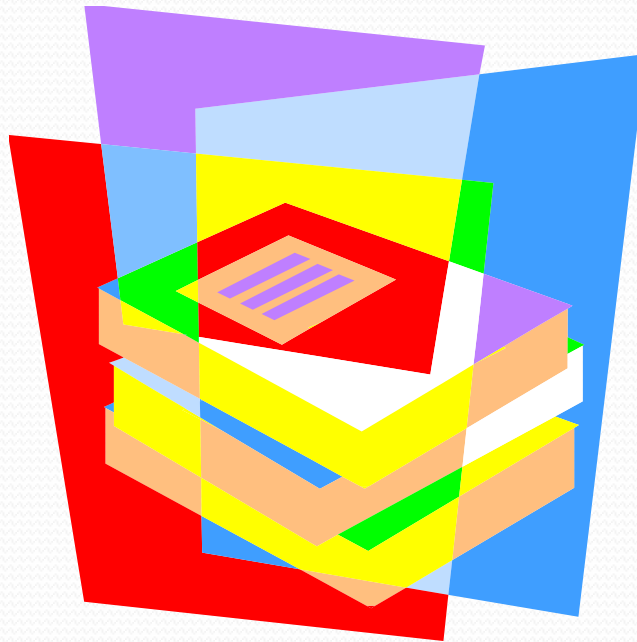
Alphonso Jackson
Former Secretary - HUD



Are You a Victim of Housing Discrimination?

- Augusta Housing and Community Development
(706) 821 – 1797
www.augustaga.gov
- U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development
(404) 331—5140 or 1-800-440-8091
www.hud.gov/fairhousing

2014 APPLICATIONS



Vicki C. Johnson

Applications

Available at the City's web site:

- Web Site Address: www.augustaga.gov

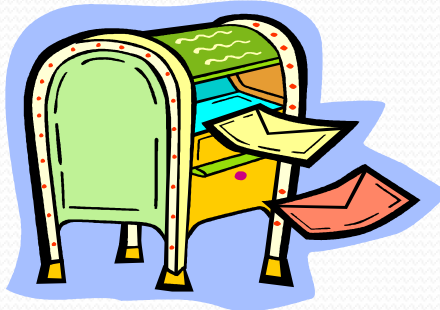
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Housing & Community Development Department
925 Laney-Walker Blvd.
(706) 821-1797

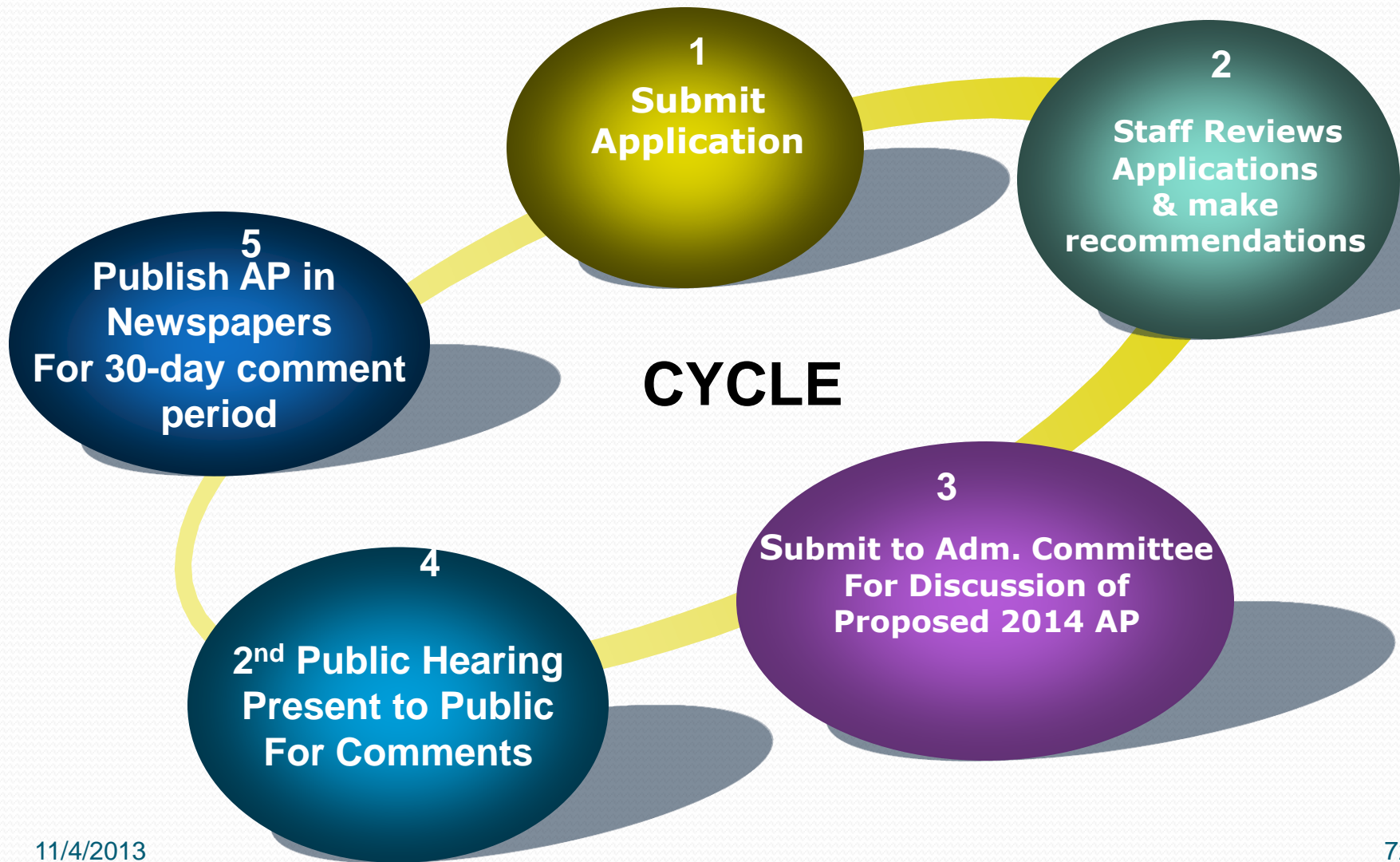


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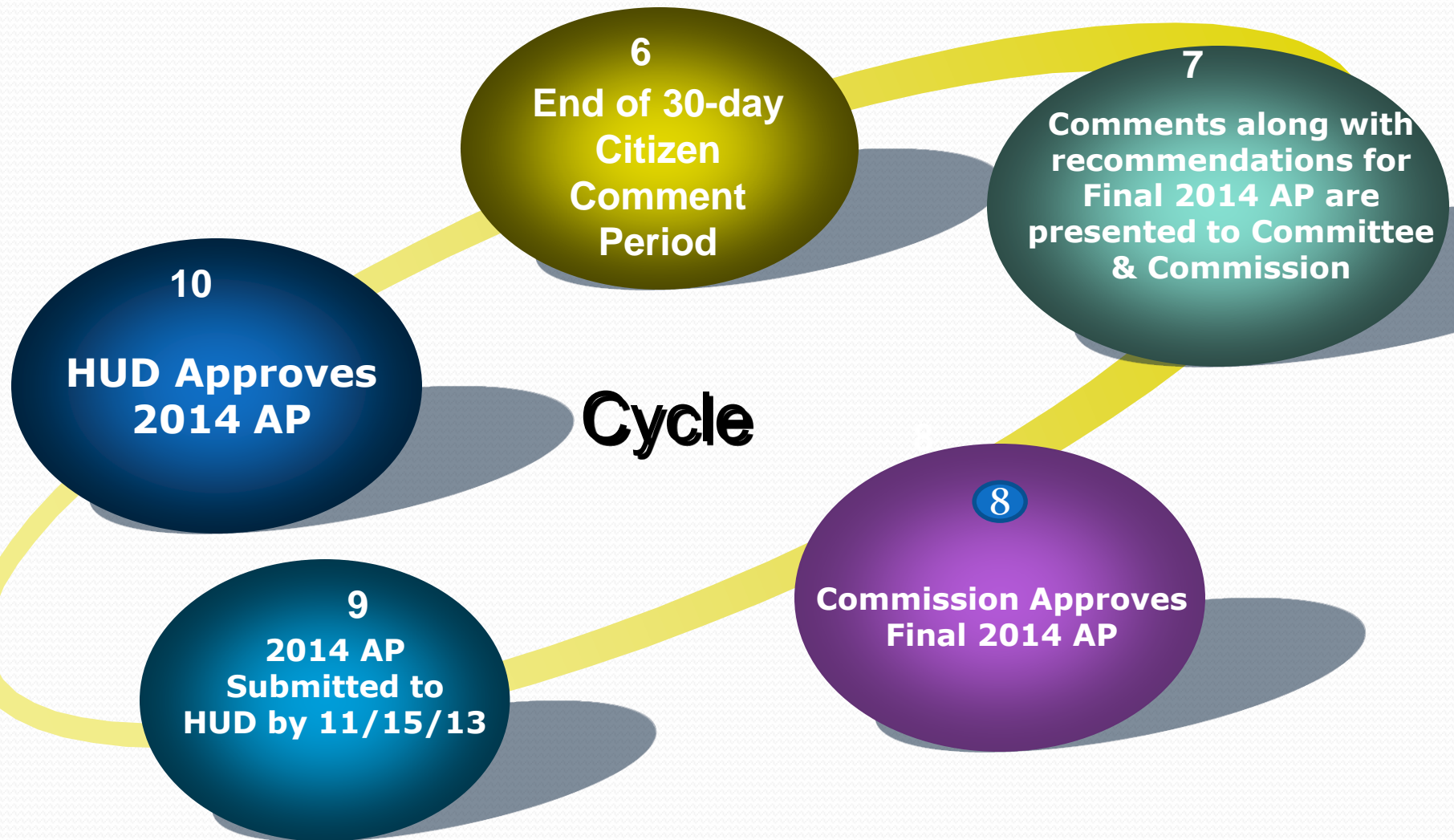
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- (No Hand-delivered applications were accepted)



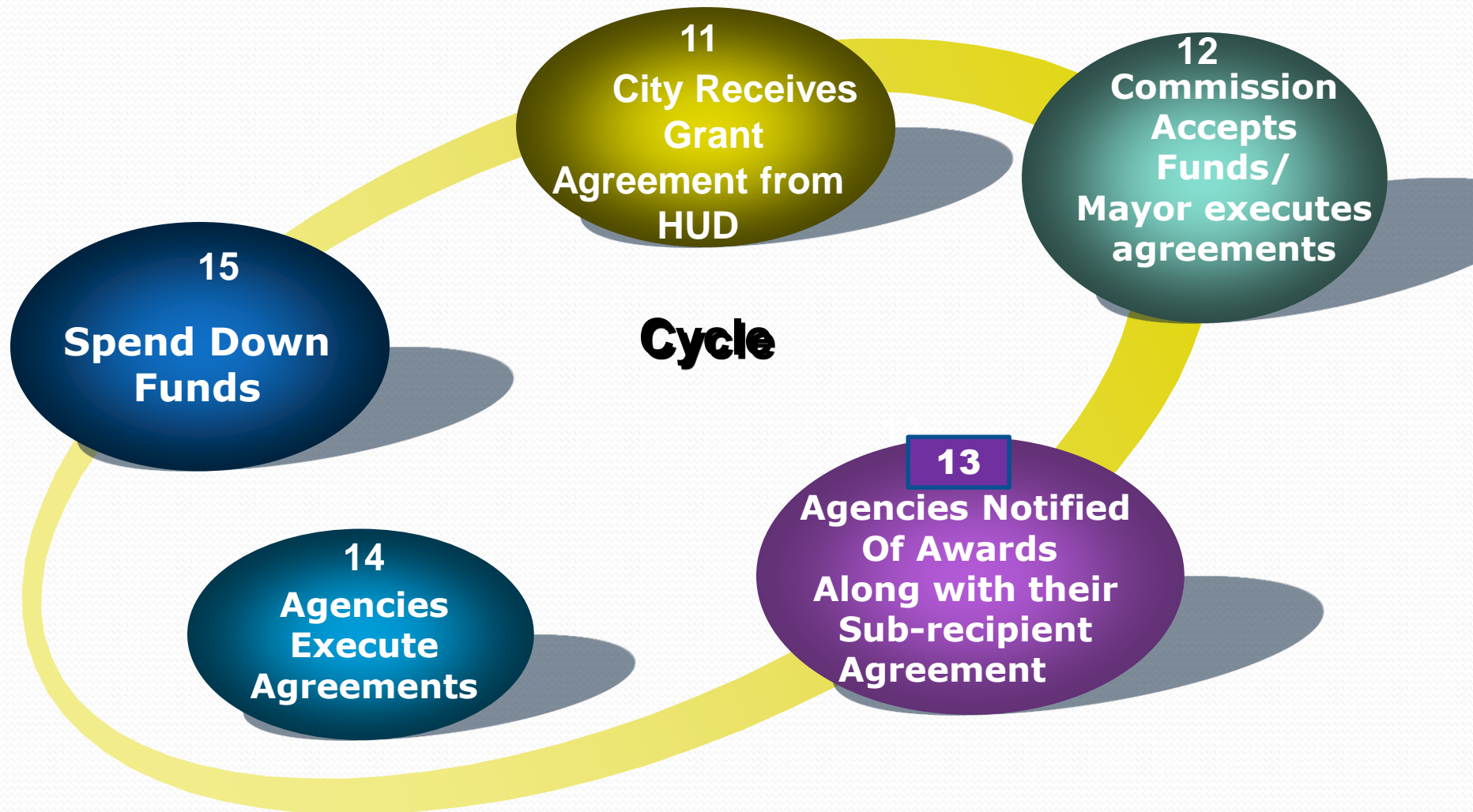
Handling of Applications



Application Cycle continued



Application Cycle continued



“How to Apply” Application Workshop

Location: Old Government House
432 Telfair Street,
Augusta, Georgia 30901

Date: Thursday, February 5, 2013

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 Noon

Attendance was Mandatory for all Applicants!

QUESTIONS AUDIENCE



Thank you for coming!